

**Introduced by Senator Cannella**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 18978 of the Government Code, relating to civil service.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1563, as introduced, Cannella. Civil service examinations: veterans' preference.

The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to provide preferences for veterans in civil service positions. Existing civil service law further requires that veterans be allowed preference points for civil service employment, as specified. Existing law provides that disabled veterans who become eligible for certification from eligible lists by attaining the passing mark established for an entrance examination held on an open, nonpromotional basis are allowed 15 additional points. Other veterans are allowed 10 additional points.

This bill would specify that veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces as peace officers shall be allowed 15 additional points for any entrance examination for a peace officer position. The bill would also declare the Legislature's intent to simplify and expedite the process by which veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces may become California peace officers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to simplify and expedite the process by which veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces may become California peace officers.

SEC. 2. Section 18978 of the Government Code is amended to read:

18978. (a) For any entrance examination held on an open, nonpromotional basis pursuant to Section 18950, a veteran who becomes eligible for certification from eligible lists by attaining the passing mark established for the examination, shall be allowed the following additional credits:

(1) Disabled veterans, 15 points.

(2) *Veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces as peace officers, 15 points, for an entrance examination for a peace officer position.*

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(3) Other veterans, 10 points.

(b) For purposes of this section, “veteran” and “disabled veteran” have the same meaning as those terms are used in Sections 18973 and 18973.1.

(c) Individuals who received veterans points under this section are not eligible for career credits pursuant to Sections 18950.1, 18951, and 18951.5.